
1962 Jaguar E-Type SI - 3.8 Roadster

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Lot sold	USD 140 580 - 175 725 EUR 120 000 - 150 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1962	Condition	Restored
Chassis number	878615	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Green
		Car type	Convertible / Roadster

Description

French registration papers

- Restored car
- Recently serviced
- One of the most attractive designs of its time

Since the end of the war, Jaguar's cars had come to epitomise English Grand Touring. The generation of XK 120, 140 and 150 roadsters had made a major contribution to the marque's sporting image through their successes in motorsport. But time had moved on and Jaguar needed to find a distinguished successor to continue its glorious history.

The Coventry firm therefore worked in the utmost secrecy on what would become the E-Type, in reference to the C-Type and D-Type models which had won the Le Mans 24 Hours race and many other international races ...

Unveiled at Geneva, and not at London, to signal clearly its international ambitions, the E-Type was an immediate success and was soon elected "The most beautiful car in the world" by motoring journalists. Many well-known personalities of the day hastened to place their orders, among them Françoise Sagan, Charles Trenet and Robert Hirsch, not to mention members of royalty ...

The design of the E-Type has often been attributed to Sir William Lyons, but in fact its magical lines were penned by Malcom Sayer, an aerodynamicist who had come from the aviation industry. Fitting it

over a very light tubular chassis, the English designer conceived a body with an enormously long, flat bonnet which contributed to the magnetic attraction it exercised on the public then and now.

The model we are presenting here is a very handsome Series 1 convertible powered by the 3.8-litre engine, which was delivered new in the United States in 1962. Before being imported into France by its current owner, the bodywork was completely sanded down before being repainted in British Racing Green. Evenly applied to a high standard, the paintwork goes perfectly with the hood, beige leather interior and the carpets, which have also been recently restored. New tyres are fitted to a splendid set of wire wheels which have been completely refurbished and have a lovely shine, as does all the chromework on the car. After being serviced at the start of 2019 by the specialist Classic Garage (José Da Rocha), the roadster performed satisfactorily during our road test. In its purest and most sought-after form, this handsome example deserves your full attention. This magnificent convertible represents a rare opportunity to acquire one of the most legendary sports cars from the 20th century.

This car will be sold by auction by AGUTTES Auction House, in Paris, at the Espace Champéret, France, on June the 23th, 2019.

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